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TO : Deputy Director/Plans
Deputy Director/Intelligence
Deputy Director/Research

Memo for DD/I concurred by from ADD/S1, coordinated by ADD/NE + DD/R fwd. 1/31/63

SUBJECT : All-out Intelligence Effort against Communist China

REFERENCE:

1. The Director has instructed the undersigned to pull together a comprehensive plan of action for intelligence collection against Communist China, utilizing all possible intelligence resources both within and outside CIA.

2. Among the specific actions to be taken are:

a. The DD/I should insure that priority requirements on China are reviewed, and that the collectors have the benefit of the latest views of the intelligence community in this regard.

b. The DD/I, in close collaboration with the DD/R, should present to the Director a list of suggested panelists in the scientific field to be brought to Washington for a week's review of Chinese Communist scientific and technical capabilities. The DCI has indicated he would like a list of about 20 names such as [redacted] and that the panel work in a similar fashion to the Hyland Panel. 25X1

c. Both the DD/I and DD/P should lay on a program for the comprehensive questioning of Soviet scientists about the capabilities of the Chinese Communists in their fields.

d. A brief synopsis of the present state of our knowledge about Chinese Communist scientific and technical capabilities should be prepared by the DD/I for the DCI.

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e. The DD/P should continue its all-out acceleration of collection efforts against China. 25X1 & NSA

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h. All recipients are requested to call upon all available resources within their units for suggestions and recommendations on approaches to this problem inasmuch as we must make use of the most imaginative and sophisticated approach possible.

3. In order to provide the undersigned with the necessary material for the preparation of a master plan of action, all recipients are requested to present papers by the close of business 15 January, and be prepared to meet and discuss these shortly after.

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

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